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It seems to me that the exchange of goods with Czechoslovakia is, or at least was, the result of arrangements for the exchange of specified commodities, where each party pursued its own interests, always anxious not to be taken in by the other. Actually, complaints could be heard that the Czechs were very hard to deal with, that they were penny-catchers, mercenary, and even the word sabotage was often mentioned. So, although the deliveries did in the end benefit the respective plans, and, because of the great quantities involved, did result in an adaptation of economies, [] that the two plans were studied together, nor that sacrifices were made or promised in order to achieve a better co-ordination. [] that the official representatives of the Czech Government were even told what the Yugoslav plan when translated into normal language actually meant. Was not Mr. Lauschnan Minister of Industry in Czechoslovakia, and is it probable that he would be the person to be let into the sacred secret?

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The so called "Investment agreement" with Hungary is the nearest thing to co-ordinated economies, because the relatively vast amount of goods to be exchanged at dates determined in the agreement, must result in co-ordinated economies, even if the will of the parties would not be directed to that end. As a matter of fact, the negotiations started on the initiative of the Yugoslav Government, which put considerable pressure behind its expressed will. The agreement was nearly finished before the putsch, and would have been signed even without it.

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there was a Soviet instructor in the Central Statistical Institute but that he left. There is a Soviet member in the mixed Danube Navigation Company and possibly one or more in the mixed Airways Company. There may be others in similar agencies

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